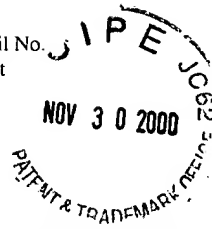


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Title: SCREENING OF XENOBIOTICS AND )  
ENDOGENOUS COMPOUNDS FOR )  
METABOLIC TRANSFORMATION, )  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 3, 2000**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2000 in which applicants were required to elect one species from each of 3 groups in order for prosecution to proceed, applicant elects without traverse:

- Group 1: F. Cell
- Group 2: D. Drug Mixture
- Group 3: C. Showing desirable rates of cell permeability or transport.

Claims 1-11 are pending.

Claims readable on the elected species are claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.

Applicant believes that the general method of the invention is patentable and requests allowance of a generic claim.

Please contact the applicants' representative if there are any other issues.

No fees are believed due at this time, however, please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to deposit account number 10-0435 with reference to our attorney docket number (21726-90386).

Respectfully submitted,



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